

**MINUTES**  
**By-Law Study Committee**  
**January 31, 2017 6:15 PM**  
**Wilbraham Town Hall – Selectman’s Office**

**PRESENT:** John Broderick, Ed Lennon, Bev Litchfield, Dave Sanders, Judy Theocles  
Anna Levine @ 6:27  
Citizens: over 20 citizens were in attendance

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed at 6:17

- I. Meeting Minutes
  - A. Minutes of 11/14/16, 2/7/17 and 1/12/17 were amended and approved unanimous
  - B. Need to be posted on town website
  
- II. Prepare for Public Info Session
  - A. Decided to ask Planning Board for support of chicken bylaw
  - B. Reviewed the chicken and pawnshop bylaws for presentation to info session
  
- III. Old Business:
  - A. Public Information Session 7pm: Chicken Bylaw
    - a. Ed and John gave overview to the public
    - b. Meaningful discussion
      - i. Local permitting pro/con
      - ii. Other towns procedures
      - iii. Who manages the process path
      - iv. Local Control
      - v. Need for a bylaw
      - vi. Numbers may be to low
        - 1. Buying in 6-18 lots
        - 2. Life cycling of egg laying
        - 3. Various sizes (bantams for example)
      - vii. closer to houses that listed
      - viii. chicken sex determination is nearly impossible until they are adults
      - ix. rooster
        - 1. roosters manage the flock and pecking order
        - 2. crow collars can be used effectively
      - x. family values
      - xi. tick and insect control
      - xii. suggestion of 3 adult birds per residence
      - xiii. list of 3 people that were willing to show & tell
  - B. Public Information Session 7pm: Pawn Shop
    - a. Limited interest

- C. Reconvened regular meeting after 10 minute break
  - a. Discussion of meeting times
  - b. Delete Section 103 and allow chart to default to \$50
  - 2. Exceptions to \$50 noted on chart
  - 3. Motion to increase 704 (sign destruction) to \$100: passed
  - 4. 103 elimination will require warrant: motion/passed

Next meeting: 2-7-1717 @ 6:30 PM

Adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Sanders, Clerk